



## Office of Secretary of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office

### Daily Media Watch

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#### CURRENT

##### Juvenile jailer faces sex charges - My San Antonio News

A Bexar County juvenile detention officer and Air Force Reservist has been arrested and charged in what authorities said were the continuing sexual assaults of a teen that began five years ago. Miles Monroe McFadden, 30, remained in Jail on Thursday on one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child. No complaints have been filed against McFadden since he started working at the juvenile detention center. McFadden hasn't been to work since June 11.

##### Israel chief of staff's bodyguard jailed for sex assault - INDOLink

A bodyguard of Israel's military chief of staff was sentenced today to eight years in prison for sexual assault, public radio reported. Captain Erez Ephrati, 30, was arrested last year near Tel Aviv after he tried to rape a young woman after attending a party held for him. Passers-by and police intervened when they heard the victim screaming. Ephrati was found guilty of assault and attempted sodomy. He served in a unit of the domestic security agency Shin Bet which provides close protection for the prime minister, chief of staff of the armed forces and other top officials.

##### ASDF sex assault victim wins redress – Japan Times

The Sapporo District Court ordered the state Thursday to pay ¥5.8 million in damages to a female former Air Self-Defense Force member who was sexually assaulted by a serviceman at a base in Hokkaido and later mustered out of the service against her will. The 24-year-old plaintiff was sexually assaulted by the 35-year-old male ASDF member in September 2006. When she asked to be examined by a gynecologist, her commander gave her permission on condition she be accompanied by a different male member, the court said, adding the commander also repeatedly urged her to leave the force.

#### PREVIOUS

##### Man apologizes for sex crimes - Star Advertiser

Former Schofield Barracks soldier Mark Heath apologized in Circuit Court yesterday to his victims, the U.S. Army, military veterans, the community and his former wife and her children for burglarizing University of Hawaii dormitories, stealing women's panties and for sexually assaulting a woman in her Waikiki apartment in 2007. "There's no excuse for what I did," he said. Heath, 23, was facing 60 years in prison if the judge ran back-to-back the maximum prison terms for the charges to which Heath either pleaded guilty or no contest, as the prosecutor requested.

##### Trial set in sex fetish rape case - State Exponent

An Arlington man is set for trial on a felony rape charge in what prosecutors have described as a consensual bondage-themed sexual fetish encounter that escalated out of control. Benjamin R. Senter, 49, of the 3000 block of 16th Road South, is set for a two-day jury trial in Culpeper County

Circuit Court Jan. 4 at 9:30 a.m. Senter is a retired Air Force master sergeant who works for the Defense Intelligence Agency at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

**Two Men Charged With Raping Teenager** - NBC Affiliate

Two Goldsboro men are behind bars after being accused of having sex with a 15-year-old girl. William Wooten and Michael Pierucki, Jr. are both charged with statutory rape, crime against nature, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Pierucki is an airman at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Goldsboro police say the 15-year-old from Johnston County told them last Friday that the two men, who are both in their early 20's, had sex with her. Both men are in jail under \$100,000 bonds.

**War blamed for convicted sex offender's actions** - North Platte Bulletin

A 27-year-old North Platte man was sentenced to from 1-1/2 to 3 years in prison after he was found guilty of raping a former girlfriend and mother of his two children. Julian M. Rodriguez stood without emotion as his sentence was pronounced by Lincoln County District Judge Donald Rowlands. Rodriguez was found guilty of forcible sexual assault, strangulation and third-degree domestic assault.

**Sexual Trauma on the Rise for Female Veterans** - Indiana's News Center

A staggering statistic for our men and women in the military - about one in six female veterans has suffered some form of military sexual trauma. It's a disturbing national trend being seen here in Fort Wayne. That number drops to around one in 100 men, but that's still an increase from previous years. Mental health professionals at Fort Wayne's VA Medical Center say they're currently treating nearly 100-people for Military Sexual Trauma (MST).

**Class Action Against U.S. Military On Behalf Of Sexual Assault Survivors** - Feministe (blog)

The DC firm, Burke PLLC, is preparing to file a class action suit on behalf of those harmed by the military's failures to address military sexual trauma. They are interested in speaking with anyone who has been assaulted or raped while in the military or by a member of the military. They plan on filing in the near future so if you know any victims/survivors who may be potentially interested in participating in this lawsuit please have them contact Susan Sajadi.

**U.S. service personnel thank Norristown Veterans Center** - Mainline Media News

Military veterans undergoing therapy for service-related trauma at Norristown's Veterans Center credited the new facility and its staff at a recent open house. The Veterans Center, which opened earlier this year at 320 E. Johnson Highway, offers Montgomery County veterans counseling for bereavement, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as well as military sexual trauma. In July, the VA relaxed rules that had required military personnel who were not in combat but claimed they'd suffered traumatic injuries to corroborate their claims before they could receive treatment.

**Las Vegas Cold Case: Jury sentences man to death in 1985 murder** – Las Vegas Review-Journal

A 61-year-old Arkansas man convicted of committing murder 25 years ago was sentenced to death Monday. On June 3, 1985, Beth Lynn Jardine, an airman second class stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, was found nude and beaten to death in her northeast Las Vegas apartment by maintenance workers. Charles Conner hit Jardine more than 20 times in the head, according to testimony from a Clark County medical examiner.

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